



THE OPAL 'GEM' EXPRESS



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Original Pool Amateur League
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HIDDEN *(Except when in parenthesis)* **Be An OPAL Winner... Read The Newsletter**

somewhere in this Newsletter are "5" APA Membership numbers just waiting to be discovered. Sadly, no one else from the October 28th newsletter, called in to join Ruth in claiming their prize leaving a party of Four in the loser's corner this week.

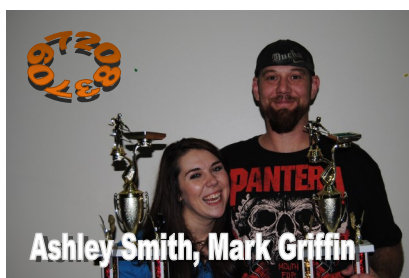
From the Nov 4 newsletter, so far **Kari Camosso** (97219776), who plays for Wranglers "Team Blackout" in the Southeast DJ division is the only one to call in to claim her shirt. There is still 4 more numbers from that week, plus the 5 new ones from this week.

REMEMBER, You have only until the writing of the **2nd Newsletter** following the one your number is in to call the league office with the magic words "Gimme My Shirt"

Chinook Winds was a huge success due to the following people. Referees Dan Fendall, Larry Hande, Don Walker, Kevin McCarthy, Cory Bananto, David Scarth, Rick Snoke, Glenn Shoup and James Moore. Our vendors: Kelli and the staff of Chinook Winds, Jesse "Billiards 911", Steve and Carissa "Billiards and Barstools", Linda "RT 9 Designs, Gil "Cue Tatoo", Rich "Bad Boys", Cindy "Truffles R Us "and Cari "Take Shape For Life" Tournament staff: John Blue, Randee Lee, Tracy Ahlstrom-Layton, Donna Kingsbury and Carolyn Burgdoff.

Chinook Winds

Started off at 9 am on Thursday morning with the Early Bird Scotch. There were 53 teams in the event and when the dust settled the team of "Beauty and The Beast" with Mark Griffin and Ashley Smith took the top honors. At 2 pm, we started the Singles event. 99 players were broken down into the following skill level groups to **compete for cash prizes and a chance to earn a spot at the 2014 Spring Singles Regionals. Skill levels 3 and below, Skill level 4, Skill level 5, Skill level 6 and Skill levels 7-9. This event was so popular, that we will be adding it to our program for the 2014 APA 8 Ball NW Invitational in April. In the skill level 3 and below bracket, Barb Duval took 1st place, \$125 and also won the spot to singles regionals. Other top finishers were: Lawrence Draper \$95,**

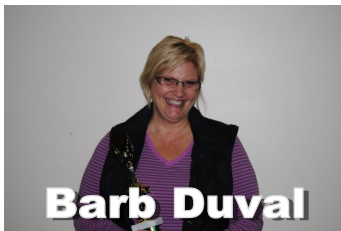


Ashley Smith, Mark Griffin



Gloria Villa, Toshi Moriguchi

9\$778	Beauty & The Beast Mark Griffin, Ashley Smith	OPAL
7\$550	Speed Traps Gloria Villa, Toshi Moriguchi	King Co
2\$350	Tweedledee Dennis Keeler, Marcus Haskins	King Co
0\$350	Team Smash Jason Knutson, Craig Knutson	OPAL
4\$250	Just For Us Joe Dubanski, Katrina Curtis	OPAL
3\$250	Shove It Megan Mitsules, Dane Cue	King Co
8\$250	Spice Racks Tom Kerrigan, Jillian Boyett	King Co
0\$250	Other Side of Crazy Glenn & Sherry Maresh	OPAL
\$150	Git-R-Done Dale Crawford, Ken Bladen	Salem
\$150	Make It A Double Shawn Self, Rebecca Pike	Salem
\$150	4-Earl Staci Moore-Moses, Ron Charbonneau	King Co
\$150	Pigs Might Fly Terry McCurdy, Lucas Axtman	King Co
\$100	Double Racked Jennifer DeHaan, Brandi Franklin	OPAL
\$100	9th Ela-Mental Dwayne Heide. Ron Graham	OPAL
\$100	Kzillas Katrina Calvo, Kellie Rauen	King Co
\$100	Qapla Cliff Strom, Jessica Madden	King Co



Kassey Boyd and Tracey Ramsey \$50 each and tied for 5-8th and receiving \$25 each were Stephanie Tafolla, Will Ford, Jr, Jenn Mendick and Helen Hahn.

In the skill level 4 bracket, Randy Messner took 1st, winning \$125 and a spot to singles regionals. Wendy Curtis took 2nd and won \$95, followed by Andy Tran and Kevin Miller, tied for 3/4 and winning \$60 each.



In the skill level 5 bracket, Jeff Perkins took 1st place and \$130. The singles qualifying portion of the tournament was won by Angela Franklin, who finished 2nd in the money portion and took home \$100. Followed by tied for 3/4 Colby Garvin and Michael Choe \$75 each and tied for 5/8 Maxine Buhler, Darrel Vanzant, Larry Abel and Ryan Kauzlarich \$50 each.

In the skill level 6 bracket, David Knight took 1st, won \$125 and won the spot to singles regionals. Other top finishers were 2nd Larry Gee \$95 and tied 3/4 Rebecca Slyter and Richard Ohnstad receiving \$70 each.



In the 7-9 bracket, David Scarth won the qualifying round and took the slot to Singles regionals. In the money portion of the tournament, it was down to Pru Peltier and Jonathan Hahn. Both were pooped and they decided to just split the pot. Each received \$110 and Pru took home the trophy. Tied for 3/4 were Tyrel Datwyler and David Scarth, both received \$70.

At 6 pm, we started the Pool Gods Tournament. We had 48 players sign up which were blind drawn into 24 scotch doubles teams. It was a double elimination, race to 2, fast 8 competition and played like normal scotch doubles where players alternate shots. The catch was that the Head Pool God, John Blue, would randomly stop play on all tables, roll the dice and the number that came up would determine the fate of all



teams playing at that time. Some of the fates were "Current shooter must take the next shot using the butt end of their cue" or "Pool Gods will pick up the cue ball and place it anywhere on the table" or "Pool Gods will pick the pocket that the 8 ball must go in to claim the game" Tony Graham and Don Walker graciously volunteered to be the Pool Gods. It was pure craziness, but a lot of fun. In the end, the team of Kevin McCarthy and Bill Walker took the top honors. All of this was just the first day of the event.



At 9 am on Friday, the 3 person team event commenced. 100 teams were drawn into 25 round robin flights. They would play each team in their bracket trying to earn as many team points as possible. At the end of 3 rounds, the field was dropped down to 48 teams to go into the next phase. The 1st place team in each flight automatically advanced to the 48 board, then the rest of the board was filled by blind draw of all of the 2nd place teams in each flight until all slots were filled. On Saturday, the remaining 48 teams, played in the modified singles bracket where play came down to when it was mathematically impossible for one team to win.

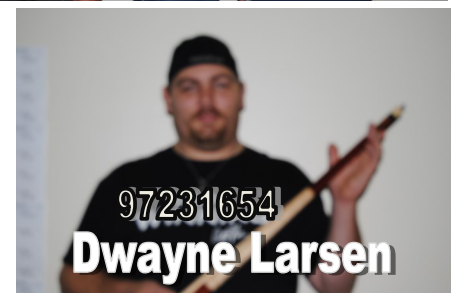
\$1500	Royale w/ Cheese Adam Drew, Tim Cowlthorp, Karen Ronning	OPAL
\$1050	PB & J Phil Bremer, Jennifer Windell, Keith Bender	OPAL
\$720	Hairy Ladies Sumesh Kumar, Sunil Muthuswamy, Kevin Macduff	King Co
\$720	9 Ball Habit Toshi Moriguchi, Kathy Uno, Kiyomi Tamura	King Co
\$420	All Bark, No Bite Paul Geck, Steve Smith, Mark Brady	Salem
\$420	Malarkey's David Lash, Darrell Vanzant, Larry Abel	Tacoma
\$420	Nuttin But Naga Arya, Ryan Kauzalarich, Kevin Moore	King Co
\$420	Jelly Bellys Eileen Read, Rod Bair, Chris Read	OPAL
\$270	Sharpshooting Trio Andrew Sullivan, Ricci Jean-Bart, Verrell Poston	Salem
\$270	My Wife's A Drunk John Russell, Lee Chapman, Brandon Delfino	Salem
\$270	Brews & Cues Robert Christensen, Richard Ohnstad, Jo Phelan	Salem
\$270	Dead Rabbits Darcy Ramadge, Ed Parenti, Michael Maresco	OPAL
\$270	Eye King Grrs Robert Huntley, Michael Eichinger, Carlos Cadena	Salem
\$270	All Chalked Up Cindy Garvin, Colby Garvin, Austin Hale	Salem
\$270	Sanp, Crackle, Pops Pru Peltier, Susan Ferkovich, Dennis Keeler	King Co
\$270	ACK! Anne Bounds, Kevin Miller, Craig Lutz	King Co

Play continued until we got down to the top 8 teams. The quarter-finals, semis and finals were play on Sunday. In an OPAL vrs OPAL final Royale w/Cheese took the top honors with PB & J taking a close 2nd.

Each team that made it into the 48 board received prize money. The top 16 are listed to the left.



While all of this was going on, Billiards and Barstools were running all sorts of mini tournaments into the wee hours of the morning. Merle played over 300 challenge matches. Anyone that could beat him, was given an entry into a drawing for one of three cues. Opal player, Dwayne Larsen was the first player picked out of the bucket. He chose the Players Cue. Next was Sherry Maresh who received the Cuetec and finally Jesse Arismendez won the other Players cue. 97219794



Saturday, the Lincoln City Open was run by Billiards and Barstools. This tournament was open to any pool player who wanted to participate, no matter what their league connection. After some really grueling matches, Bobby Zack took 1st place.



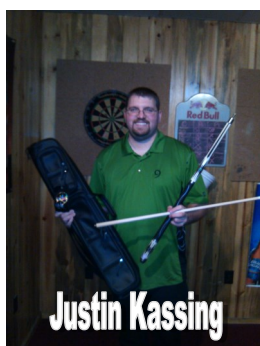
Saturday, the Weekender Scotch tournament began promptly at 10:30. 62 teams were entered into the tournament with top 24 teams receiving prize money. Finishing first was the team King Co's "Pigs Might Fly" with teammates Terry McCurdy and Lucas Axtman who received \$800. Coming 2nd was King Co's "Dad's Night Out" with teammates John Gallagher and Ron Charbonneau who received \$550. The rest of the top 8 are listed to the right.



On Sunday, while the 3 person team event was finishing up, John Blue gave away tons of door prizes which were donated by Chinook Winds, Billiards 911, RT 9 Designs, OPAL and Truffles R Us.

To finish things off Justin Kassing from Bend won the Cuetec cue and case. Gerald Blevens from Vancouver won the beautiful Pechauer Cue and Case.

\$350	Thunder Bunny Nicole Donisi, Norma Red Thunder	OPAL
\$350	Browchicabrowcow Jen DeHaan, Kris Derby	OPAL
\$250	Ralph's Not Here David Hunter, Andrew Cureton	OPAL
\$250	You Liked It Mark Hunt, Tony Matulich	OPAL
\$250	Quack Dealers Niccole Miller, Rene' Sanchez	Salem
\$250	Chica & Da Man Amanda Wells, Shane Stamps	Salem



The last thing to give away was the \$1200 grand prize. Every person who participated in this event received an entry into the drawing. In order to claim the

prize, the person had to be present and must show their Winner's Circle Card and picture ID. First name out of the hat was OPAL's Kris Hargand who was able to present the proper ID and went home \$1200 richer.



The 4 people listed below are "Losers" from the Oct 28 Newsletter. If you happen to see these individuals, give 'em your best razzing. And don't forget to give 'em the old "L" sign,—while thanking 'em for leaving a shirt in the box—possibly just for you!

1-DARCI ROBERTSON (97202976) who plays for Underground's "**Bustin' Loose**" in the **Northwest DJ** Division.

2-NICOLE LEE (97216050) who plays for Park City Pub's "**Chalk It Up**" in the **Sunrise DJ** Div.

3-JASON PARKER (97218390) who plays for Kenton Club's "**Motor Boaters**" in the **No-Po** Div.

4-BRENT CONNOLLY (97219707) who plays for Pastime's "**What Happened?**" in the **Gateway DJ** Div.

If you don't want to be caught here for everyone to see, then look to see if your number isn't hidden somewhere.

REMEMBER, it is possible for your number to come up at anytime. Therefore, pay attention to detail, **READ THE NEWSLETTER..!**

